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SUBJ: ALLEGED COMBINED TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS  
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
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1. ON FEB 20 SECURITY OFFICER, AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ADVISED THE RSO OF THE FOLLOWING: THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA HAD APPROACHED THE AUSTRALIAN AMB DURING THE COURSE OF A DIPLOMATIC FUNCTION AND ADVISED HIM THAT HE WAS IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION, SOURCE UNIDENTIFIED, THAT AN EXTERNAL (OUT-SIDE OF ARGENTINA) EXTREMIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WOULD LAUNCH SIMULTANEOUS TERRORIST ATTACKS IN BOLIVIA, CHILE, URUGUAY, AND ARGENTINE. THE TARGET DATE FOR THESE ATTACKS TO START WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE 18TH OF FEBRUARY. NO OTHER DATES WERE FURNISHED CONCERNING ALLEGED ATTACKS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THE MATTER WAS TAKEN SO SERIOUSLY BY THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT THAT VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN LA PAZ DISMISSED THEIR EMPLOYEES IN THE EARLY PART OF THE AFTERNOON FEB 18. THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITY OFFICER ADVISED THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS INFORMATION REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AUSTRALIAN, FRENCH, SWISS, AND FINNISH DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN ARGENTINA HELD A MEETING IN THE AFTERNOON OF FEB 18. THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING WAS THE ELECTION OF THE SENIOR DIPLOMAT PRESENT, SWISS, TO APPROACH THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE AND ADVISE THEM OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED AND

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REQUEST ADDITIONAL PROTECTION. THE SECURITY OFFICER COULD NOT COMMENT AS TO WHETHER THE APPROACH TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD BEEN MADE BY THE SWISS REPRESENTATIVE, HOWEVER, HE DID STATE THAT THE FEDERAL POLICE PROTECTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE HAD BEEN INCREASED AND THAT ADDITIONAL CONTRACT GUARDS HAD BEEN PLACED WITHIN THEIR DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE FOLLOWING WAS AN ESTIMATE ON THE PART OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WITH RESPECT TO INFORMATION FURNISHED AND THAT THIS ESTIMATE WAS NOT BASED ON KNOWN FACT.

A. THE ALLEGED SIMULTANEOUS TERRORISTS ATTACKS COULD POSSIBLY TAKE PLACE.

B. SHOULD SUCH BE THE COURSE THE ATTACKS WOULD BE A ONE TIME ONE THING SPECTACULAR.

C. THE ATTACKS COULD TAKE THE FORM OF EITHER KIDNAPPINGS OR ASSASSINATION.

D. THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR WAS PROBABLY RELATED TO BUT NOT A REHASH OF SIMILAR INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE WEST GERMANS AT AN EARLIER DATE.

E. THAT THE ERP AND MONTONEROS MAY HAVE GONE OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY AND RECRUITED ASSISTANCE OF SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS THE JAPANESE RED ARMY OR PLO TO CARRY OUT SUCH SIMULTANEOUS OPERATIONS SINCE THEY HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE IN THE AREA.

2. THE LEGAL ATTACHE ADVISED THAT ON FEB 18 THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR, HUGH DUNN, HAD CONTACTED HIS OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY:

"DUNN HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A CEREMONY INAUGURATING THE NEW MEXICAN CHANCERY BUILDING. WHILE AT THIS CEREMONY, HE WAS APPROACHED BY A JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE WHO IS GENERALLY WELL INFORMED ON THE LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE. THIS COLLEAGUE, WHOM DUNN DID NOT CARE TO IDENTIFY OVER THE TELEPHONE, INFORMED HIM THAT THE COMBINED TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, THE ELN OF BOLIVIA; THE MIR OF CHILE; TUPAMAROS OF URUGUAY, AND THE ERP OF ARGENTINA WERE GOING TO ESCALATE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN BOLIVIA, CHILE, URUGUAY AND ARGENTINA. AMBASSADOR DUNN'S COLLEAGUE TOLD HIM THAT VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS

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IN LA PAZ WERE DISMISSING THEIR EMPLOYEES EARLY THIS AFTERNOON BECAUSE OF THIS THREAT. AMBASSADOR DUNN DESIRED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER WE HAD ANY INTELLIGENCE WHICH WOULD TEND TO CORROBORATE HIS COLLEAGUE'S INFORMATION. I TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THERE WAS NO AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE COMBINED GROUPS OF THE EL, MIR, TUPAMAROS AND THE ERP HAD PLANNED ANY ESCALATION OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS".

3. THE RSO CONTACTED BOTH [REDACTED] CONCERNING THE REPORTED INFORMATION BY THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR. BOTH OFFICES WERE OF THE OPINION THAT THE REPORTED INFORMATION SOUNDED LIKE A VARIATION OF INTELLIGENCE WITH A WEST GERMAN ORIGIN WHICH CIRCULATED DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF FEB 1975. NO INFORMATION HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF [REDACTED] WHICH WOULD INDICATE CURRENT INVOLVEMENT OF THE JAPANESE RED ARMY OR THE PLO IN JOINT OR SUPPORT OPERATIONS TO THE ERP OR MONTONEROS.

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